

Southern Highlands Irrigation Scheme

Tranche Two

After years of drought, the area around Bothwell is set to be transformed by water stored and piped to irrigators by Tasmanian Irrigation

The Southern Highlands Irrigation Scheme commenced operations in November 2017 and services the Bothwell area in the Southern Midlands of Tasmania. Water is harvested into the Southernfield Dam from the Shannon River and delivered via 58.4km of pipe from the dam at Waddamana Road in the north to Bothwell, and south to Hollow Tree. A pipeline also runs east from Bothwell to Pitcairns Marsh.

A pump station is located south of Waddamana Road on the banks of the Shannon River. The pump station can pump to the dam, into the scheme or a combination of both at the same time. There are also two booster pumps at Bothwell and Hollow Tree.

Towns / area serviced

Bothwell

Principal primary production focus of scheme

Poppies, pasture seed crops, cereals, hemp seed and pasture production for beef and sheep

Length of irrigation season

120-day summer delivery (past three seasons in excess of 200 days)

58

KMs of Pipeline

1

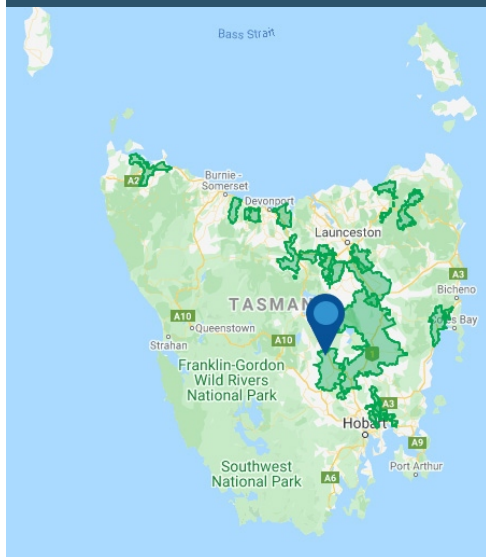
Dam

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Pump Stations

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Power Stations



Approval

October 2013

Construction started

October 2015

Operations commenced

November 2017

Capacity

7,215 ML

Cost

\$31.26 million

Number of irrigators

20

Forecast opening

November

Forecast closing

March

Daily flow rate

60.13 ML / day

Initial water sales cost

\$1,200 / ML

Percentage of entitlements sold

100%

ML available to buy

0

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